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SUBJECT: OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

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B. COPENHAGEN 2093 OF 8/31/73

1. PRIME MINISTER POUL HARTLING OPENED PARLIAMENT
AT NOON TODAY(JAN23) WITH A SHORT STATEMENT CONVEYING
THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO CONTINUE. CITING THE LIBERAL
PARTY TWENTY-SEAT ELECTION GAIN, UNPRECEDENTED FOR A
PARTY IN GOVERNMENT, HARTLING CLAIMED THE ELECTION WAS A
MANIFESTATION OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS GOVERNMENT.
HE STATED THAT IN THE TWO WEEKS SINCE THE
ELECTION THE GOVERNMENT HAD TRIED TO ESTABLISH A FORMAL
COALITION WITH ONE OR TWO OTHER PARTIES BUT ITS EFFORTS
HAD THUS FAR BEEN UNAVAILING. HE HOPED THEREFORE THAT
THE PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION- SO NECESSARY IN VIEW OF
THE ECONOMIC CRISIS FACING THE NATION- WHICH HAD NOT
PROVED POSSIBLE TO FORMALIZE IN A COALITION MIGHT
DEVELOP IN PRACTICE AS THE SESSION PROGRESSED.

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2. HARLING INFORMED THE NEW PARLIAMENT THAT HE WOULD INTRODUCE THE SAVINGS MEASURES NECESSARY TO OFFSET THE TAX REDUCTION ADOPTED LAST SEPTEMBER AND CERTAIN MASURES TO COUNTER UNEMPLOYMENT. AS FOR THE WILLS RELATING TO PRICE AND WAGE CONTROL (THE CRUSIS PLAN'75) HARTLING SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TRADE UNION AND EMPLOYER FEDERATIONS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION IN THAT DIRECTION

3. THE ONLY DRAME DURING THE SHORT TWENTY-MINUTE SESSION WAS THAT PROVIDED BY TWO HECKLERS IN THE PRESS GALLERY WHO INTERRUPTED THE PRIMIN BY BLOWING POLICE WHISTLES AND CSTING LEAFLETS DOWN ONTO THE FLOOR. FOLLOWING THEIR ARREST, THE TWO HECKLERS WERE IDENTIFIED AS JENS JORGEN THORSEN (THE INFAMOUS WOULD-BE DIRECTOR OF THE ABORTED FILM ON THE SEX LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST-REFTEL B) AND JORGEN NASH A LEADING NEMBER OF A SWEDISH DANISH CULTURAL PROTEST COMMITTEE. THE TWO WERE PROTESTING A SUPPOSED RIGHT-WING BIAS IN CULTURAL PROGRAMMING ON THE PART OF THE DANISH STATE TV AND RADIO BROADCASTING CORPORATIN. THE PRIMIN COMPLETED HIS STATEMENT WHEN ORDER HAD BEEN RESTORED.

4. THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT WILL BE COMPLETED JAN 24, AFTER THE FINAL INTER PARTY ALLIANCES HAVE BEEN DEFINITELY DETERMINED.
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